

## How KMA Operates

In 2001 the Montana Legislature passed SB 454, the first multi-agency bill to serve seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) youth and their families. In 2003 the State of Montana, operating under Senate Bill 94, embarked on developing a comprehensive Children's System of Care Initiative. SB 94 also provided permissive language for local statutory teams to implement a comprehensive, integrated system of care. Now contained in statute (MCA 52-2-301), local KMA's operate to fulfill the State's original goal.

As defined ~ "A system of care is a comprehensive spectrum of mental health and other necessary services which are organized into a coordinated network to meet the multiple and changing needs of children and their families."



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## Yellowstone County KMA

KMA is a local interagency governance team created to implement a children's system of care that ensures that all funds available and resources will be maximized to benefit the individual and their family. Children with special needs community responsibility. Together we develop a plan of care that reflects the strengths and of the child and family with support from all agencies, family and community supports.

## is Represented By

- Protective Services
- Children's Mental Health
- Local Consultant
- Developmental Disabilities
- Statistical
- Family Advocacy
- Child Welfare
- Justice
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Providing community collaboration in systems of
- contact Yellowstone County KMA for opportunities



## Strengthening and improving

children's services in Montana by requiring

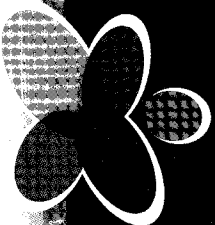
**interagency cooperation.**

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# Yellowstone County Kids Management Authority

Yellowstone County KMA strongly believes the inclusion of **families as partners** in all aspects of the planning and delivery of services for children **is essential**.



## Mission :: Infrastructure

To improve and develop community-based services for children and adolescents with serious mental health needs and their families, based on a child-centered, family focused, multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach that includes integrated care coordination and service delivery.

## Vision :: Access

Children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders, and their families, access a comprehensive array of services that address their physical, emotional, social, and educational needs.

## Goal :: Delivery

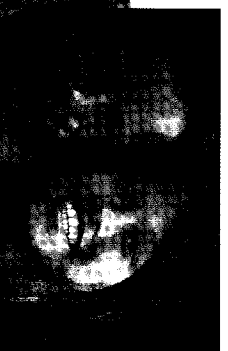
Develop a comprehensive and integrated delivery system, providing care and treatment for Yellowstone County's most resource intensive, high-risk, multi-agency children and their families.

## Our Focus

- Youth with serious emotional disturbance at risk for serious disorders, and their families
- Under 18 years of age
- Dependent on public systems for mental health services
- Impaired functioning in family, school, or community
- Youth currently in an out-of-home placement risk for out-of-home placement, or transition
- Youth with multi-agency involvement: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Developmental Disabilities, Special Education



Child Centered and Family Focused



Individualized Care



Cultural Competence



Community